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Local band, O, Giant Man, features two Northwest students. See what they're all about and when they'll be performing, A6

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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Guest speakers

City Administrators will be speaking about their experiences throughout their career in a forum on Monday.

The Guest speakers will include Maryville City manager Matt LeCerf, Grain Valley Administrator Gary Bradley and Kearney, Neb., City Manager Michael Morgan.

The forum, which is free, is hosted by the Northwest Political Science Club and will take place at 7 p.m. in the third floor Ballroom of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Ratner postponed

Film director Brett Ratner's performance last night has been postponed to a later date.

Ratner was set to speak on Campus last night as part of the SAC Speaks lecture series.

Ratner is looking to work with the University to reschedule the event for later this spring according to a statement issued by the director.

COMMUNITY

St. Francis Gala

The St. Francis Gala, which will feature dinner, dancing and other entertainment is set for Saturday.

The event is hosted by the St. Francis Hospital Foundation and the St.

BEARCATS

Friday

-Softball vs. Lincoln, 1 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Softball vs. Northeastern State (Okla.), 5 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Track and Field at MIAA Championships in Joplin, Mo.

Saturday

-Softball vs. Missouri S&T, 9 a.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Softball vs. Rockhurst, 1 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Women's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 1:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
-Men's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
-Baseball vs. Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Ark.
-Track and Field at MIAA Championships in Joplin, Mo.

Sunday

-Softball vs. Cameron (Okla.), 2 p.m. in Joplin, Mo.
-Baseball vs. Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Ark.
-Track and Field at MIAA Championships in Joplin, Mo.

Tuesday

-Men's Tennis vs. William Jewell, 3 p.m. in Liberty, Mo.
-Women's Tennis vs. William Jewell, 3 p.m. in Liberty, Mo.

Wednesday

-Women's Tennis vs. Missouri Western, 3 p.m. in St. Joseph, Mo.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday

-Girls' Basketball vs. Bishop LeBlond, 5:30 p.m. in St. Joseph, Mo.

Monday

-Girls' Basketball vs. East Buchanan, 6 p.m. in Plattsburg, Mo. (Districts)

Tuesday

-Boys Basketball vs. Lathrop, 7:30 p.m. in Plattsburg, Mo. (Districts)

STUDENT FEES | COLLEGE READERSHIP PROGRAM

JOSH COBURN GRABS a "Kansas City Star" in between classes. After the loss of Pepsi's stipend, students may have to start paying for newspapers.

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Student Senate voting on new fee

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

A new student-paid fee may be added next year to cover the cost of newspapers on campus. Labeled the College Readership Fee, the 50 cents per credit hour addition is currently working its way through the Student Senate voting process. But if the fee isn't then graced with the Board of Regents' seal of approval, free newspapers on campus may be-

come old news.

For over 10 years, the College Readership program has enjoyed a presence in Northwest's residential halls and academic buildings. The program was originally funded by a \$10 premium on top of housing costs for on-campus residence, in addition to a former stipend from an exclusive contract with Pepsi. Director of Auxiliary Services Mike Hetzler explained that once our Pepsi partnership ended, funds

dried up and a new option was sought.

"We just don't have those unrestricted dollars, as tight as the budget is right now," Hetzler said. "If students want it, they're going to have to pay for it."

The College Readership Fee is on the same table as a proposed Green Fee, sponsored by Environmental Services' Director Paul McGraw. McGraw and

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KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT | SCHOOL CLOSINGS



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GRADUATE STUDENT NEIL Hatfield teaches his Math Skills II class in Garret Strong on Tuesday. In the Kansas City, Mo., school district, enrollment has declined from 33,712 students in 1999-2000 to 17,275 in 2009-2010.

CUTS COLLAPSE JOB MARKET

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

The Kansas City, Mo., School District is facing some of the most difficult and straining cuts for public education in recent history.

The district recently released a proposal to help save possible bankruptcy for the 61 schools currently open.

The proposal included reasons of financial trouble, including the fact that 79.9 percent of students in the district receive free or reduced price lunches. The document also addressed the issue of excess space in the district due to dramatic enrollment drops, which may cause up to half of the schools in the district to close.

In the 1999-2000 enrollment year there were 35,712 students in the district and in the 2009-10 school year there is a mere 17,275. Many parents and students have showed public

outrages at the proposal, but in the proposal Superintendent John Covington asked for full participation and "support to meet the needs of our students."

The education department at Northwest prepares students for such situations and department head Barbara Crossland is aware of the impact it will have on the Northwest graduates job market.

"The way that public schools work is that the persons with the most will be given the jobs that remain," Crossland said. "It will impact our graduates for this year and it will also impact those that we've had for the last four or five years."

Junior education major and Grain Valley native Sydney Craddock takes a serious realization on

MONEY ISSUES

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- 79.9 percent of students receive free or reduced lunches
- 35,712 students were enrolled in 1999-'00
- 17,275 students are enrolled in 2009-'10

the impact the school closings will have on present teachers and future job opportunities.

"It's kind of a big deal because there's going to be lots of people out there looking for jobs because of all those teachers that are going to lose their jobs are going to be out there looking for work and the people that are graduating are looking for jobs too," Craddock said.

Crossland fears the recent graduates will have to start looking further away for jobs.

"Maybe they wanted to go home to the Kansas City area and be close to family, but they're not going to be able to do that, at least not for a few years," Crossland said. "There are jobs; there just aren't any jobs in

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CIE AWARD

CIE recognized as innovative, helpful for new businesses

By Emily DeMarea
Missourian Reporter

The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship has proved to the Southern Growth Policies Board that they are a force to reckon with, yet again.

The Southern Growth Policies Board is a group that includes 13 states in the South. The group recognizes innovation in improving economic opportunities in each of the 13 states.

Jason White, assistant professor of the department of accounting, economics and finance, describes the CIE as a "business incubator" that allows entrepreneurs to expand upon their ideas of starting a business by providing assistance from local experts.

For the second consecutive year, the Southern Growth Policies Board has granted the 2010 Innovator Award for the state of Missouri to Northwest's CIE. Last year, the group was presented with the award for its invention of a pellet plant that fuels alternative energy. The group's creation involved a plant that burns wood chips in order to create alternative energy.

This year, the CIE won the 2010 Innovator Award for their economic development and entrepreneurship. White credits much of the success to the one of the five companies involved with the CIE; the Carbolitic Materials Company, a newer group that was recruited into the CIE. The CMC was formed when the group found a process to shred tires to solids, liquids and gases. The CMC uses fossil fuels rather than an oil base to shred tires to carbon black at a fraction of the cost. This chosen method is not only cost-efficient, it is also much cleaner for the environment.

"I would contribute the CIE's

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PROVOST CANDIDATE FORUMS

Candidates share experiences in forums

By Trey Williams
Asst. News Editor

After losing former provost Kichoon Yang in early July of last year, Northwest is currently going through the process to find a permanent replacement.

Since December, the search committee, their job being to eventually recommend a provost finalist to President Jasinski, has been interviewing candidates for the position they hope to fill sometime in mid-March.

The University provost is a high-ranking university official and chief academic officer. The provost is mainly

faculty based, according to search committee member Michelle Drake.

"He deals with all of the curriculum for the students," Drake said. "He is also responsible for freshman retention rates as well as graduation rates."

The provost is also in charge of the leadership board, formerly known as the presidents' cabinet. The man who is currently responsible for carrying out these tasks, Doug Dunham, is one of the three candidates currently still going through the selection process.

The provost candidates are currently in the process of giving open forums

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NEW PROVOST CANDIDATE Jonathan Lincoln answers questions during his forum time with the faculty. The University is currently reviewing Provost candidates, with the third and final forum on Thursday, March 4 at 1 p.m.

A black and white photograph showing the side profile of a car, likely a sedan, as it drives on a dark, wet, and muddy road. The road is covered in puddles and splashes, suggesting recent rain or a wet surface. The car's wheels are partially submerged in the mud, and the overall scene conveys a sense of motion and the challenges of driving in adverse weather conditions.

photo by lori frankenfield | chief photographer

A CAR TRIES to avoid a series of potholes on Sixteenth Street. The City is set to reconstruct the road after receiving a \$375,000 grant through the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Cracks, crevasses, holes and ditches will no longer plague Maryville residents as they drive down the west side of Sixteenth Street.

Sixteenth Street has been in deprived condition for as long as many can remember, but good news has come to the city of Maryville. On February 16, the grant proposed for construction on Sixteenth passed for the amount \$375,000 through the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Community Development Block Grant Program, according to a City of Maryville Press Release. The construction will take place from College Avenue to Icon Road. Construction is

currently in the bidding phase and plans to be completed before the end of 2010.

Removing and replacing of the entire road surface along with the addition of better curbing and gutters to better handle storm drainage is in store for the road, according to City Manager Matt LeCerc.

LeCerf speaks for the city when he is relieved construction will finally go under way.

"I think the entire organization is happy, and I think beyond the organization is happy, I think the citizens will be happy," LeCerf said.

Commuting students such as junior and Birches resident, Cara Livengood, have felt the pain of Sixteenth for some time now, to an extreme extent.

Livengood said. "It's a hazard because cars drive in the middle of the road to avoid pot holes and in blind spots you can have cars pop up in the middle of the road," Livengood said.

Livengood has paid the price of the rough road conditions, as her car is currently in the shop for alignment problems due to the conditions.

Livengood is relieved to hear the road is finally going under construction.

"I am extremely excited," Livengood said. "It's nice because it's the main road I take into school and into town, it's my access road."

Construction will change the every day routine of Livengood and the other commuters located around Sixteenth Street.

"I will have to find new routes to get around, I will have to go out of my way to reach campus, downtown, Wal-Mart, everywhere," Livengood said.

The construction will benefit residents by making an even better doorstep into the University.

"Sixteenth Street is one of the primary thoroughfares on the north and northwest sides of town, so it's going to be huge," LeCerf said. "It will be a better entranceway for the University, for our residents and hopefully provide for more opportunities beyond what Northwest Missouri State University has already been able to achieve at the CIE building," LeCerf said, in reference to the northwest corner of campus.

New drug raises awareness with law enforcement

A new synthetic drug to recently hit the streets of Maryville and other suburban areas, "spiced cannabinoids" or K2, has now come to the attention of authorities.

K2 is reported to have the effects on the human body similar to that of THC, the main ingredient in marijuana.

Sgt. Jason Clark of the Missouri State Highway Patrol says that since the

drug is not currently illegal, there is not much law enforcement can do to prevent its use.

"We've been seeing it in greater numbers," said Clark. "But it hasn't been in epidemic proportions."

While Clark said he has never seen K2 nor has he had any cases concerning K2 there have been instances where cops have confiscated K2 from head shops in Springfield, Mo and Lawrence, Kan.

Although K2 has been around since about 2006,

law enforcement and legislators are just recently dealing with it. Missouri Rep. Ward Franz from West Plains, Mo has taken the initiative and filed a bill that would outlaw the use of K2 and the chemicals that help it provide its marijuana like high.

Though this legal drug is not new to those who have been using K2 since its debut in 2006, a lot is still not known about it. The U.S. is one of the few countries that does not consider K2 an illegal sub-

stance. But Franz said that they are currently working on making it illegal at the federal level.

Franz said that the problem was first brought to his attention in November of 2009.

"I was told that it was a growing problem in the area and we needed to look at it," Franz said.

The thing that gets to Franz the most about this new and legal drug he said, is the fact that it is out there for anyone and so easily accessible for children.

People have told Franz that there are no real negative effects surrounding K2 and that it's not hurting anyone but he has found quite the opposite. According to Franz K2 turns into carcinogens in the bloodstream, which could eventually lead to cancer.

"We may not see the effects today but we will see some in the not far reaching future." Franz said

Franz filed the bill in January of last year and if Gov. Jay Nixon signs the bill with the emergency clause

that is currently attached to the bill then it will go in to effect the moment he signs it. If the bill is passed without the emergency clause then it will not go into effect until Aug. 28.

A committee heard the bill two weeks ago and made changes to the bill adding more chemicals than just the ones in K2.

According to Franz the bill should have no problem being passed.

"From what I've heard everybody in the capitol is behind it," he said.

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Student Health Advisory (SHAC)

The university Wellness Center is seeking a diverse and committed group of Northwest students to help start a Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). The purpose of SHAC will be to help the Wellness Center better serve Northwest students by providing a student voice in Wellness Center operations.

SHAC will do the following

- Serve as an open channel of communication between the Wellness Center and the Northwest student body.
- Help identify and prioritize Northwest students' health and wellness needs
- Provide feedback on Wellness Center services, programs, and policies
- Assist the Wellness Center in marketing its services to Northwest students
- Coordinate various activities throughout the academic year

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Benefits to Joining

- Gives you, your peers, and/or your organization a voice in Wellness Center operations
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- Help shape programs and services that have direct impact on Northwest students

Information sessions
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6pm in the Union - Meeting Room A
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OUR VIEW

KC should close idle schools for students' gain

The broken record giving sound to empty pockets and even tighter budgets is heard yet again in the area of education. But this time, it's not just legislators mutilating the already cut-up budget we are discussing, it is one of it's direct affects in Missouri- the possibility of closing some 30 schools in Kansas City.

Superintendent John Covington is faced with the same question that many institutional leaders across the nation must ask: what do we do to

stay afloat a little while longer? His response, however, isn't favorable to a large number of people within the area.

Due to declining enrollment numbers and empty pockets, Covington believes that there are too many buildings with too few students. The sacrifice of resizing and reshaping the education system in Kansas City is something Covington hopes will pay off later down the road. However, not many people like to hear the idea of immediate sacrifice.

With the loss of schools, there is a loss of jobs. According to USA Today, one-fourth of the school district's employees, from your janitor to your teacher, will lose their positions.

A large number of these schools serve special purposes, from the school that specially serves students with disabilities to the school that excels at foreign languages. With the loss of each special interest facility, there is a fear that the special interests themselves will not be met as adequately

as before.

One question must be answered. What is best for the students *collectively*?

Enrollment has dropped significantly in Kansas City. Occupancy too has been significantly reduced. There just isn't enough money to go around. But still the amount of buildings or even the numbers of staff members themselves have not been decreased. Are these buildings benefiting the whole education community of Kansas City, or just benefiting a smaller portion of the

big picture?

While sacrifice is of course undesirable, sacrifices must be made in hard times and a tough economy. If a school is failing to contribute to the collective system as it should, then obviously something must be changed.

A particular public school that fulfills some special interest sounds like a good idea. However, public schools geared towards some special interest do not fulfill the requirements of the collective benefit. Certainly, we should

increase the academic quality of our system in whole. Certainly, we should be spending the most money on education. It is, after all, the paved road into a brighter future. However, our funding should be geared towards every area of education to form well-rounded students.

The superintendent is faced with undesirable options. But really, as long as the choice made will benefit the majority of students, then perhaps closing a few schools isn't such a bad idea.

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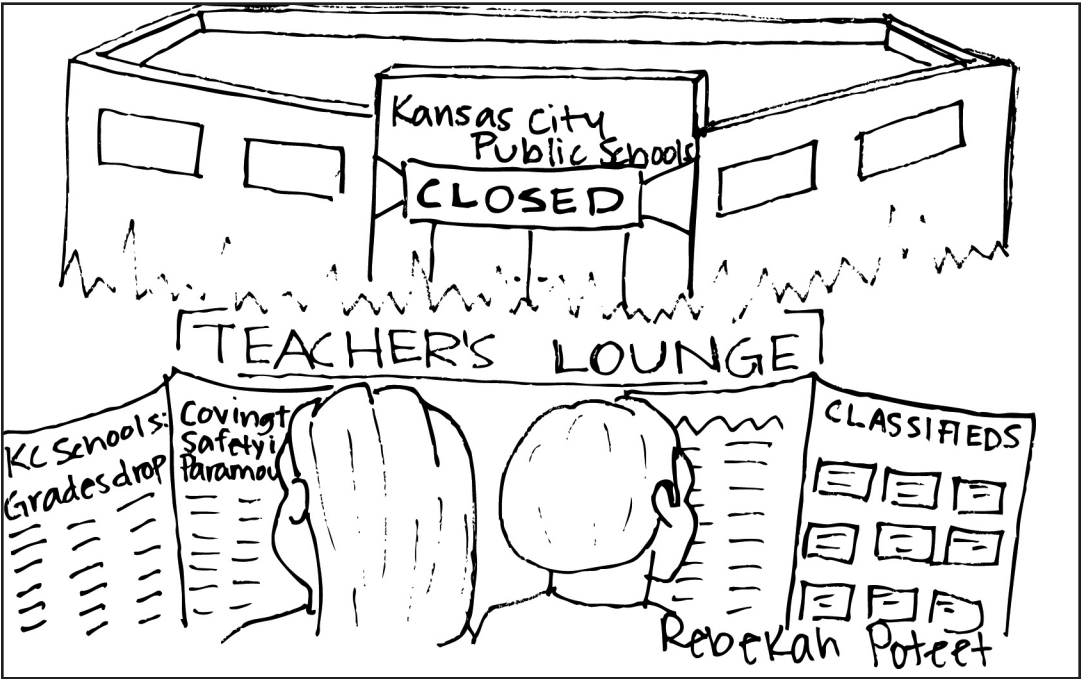
Here's the scene: the boys from Southpark embark on a dangerous mission to stop Japan's sick obsession of whaling (it is, after all, a deeply embedded tradition). But apparently, Australia thinks this is no laughing matter.

According to BBC News, if Japan doesn't stop the slaughtering of innocent whales by November, Australia plans to take the issue all the way to the International Court of Justice.

While we agree that it's right to fight politically for a delicate ecosystem or better treatment of lovable critters worldwide, it is also possible to go too far.

Australia's threat to take Japan to the ICJ for whaling practices, although noble, looks paltry compared to the grave crimes against humanity throughout the world that go unnoticed or unpunished.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

U.S. must examine causal issues of crime

By Chris Edwards
Contributing Columnist

School shootings can vary in context, but mainstream media approaches them from the same perspective. Everyone wants to know why these tortured souls lash out against their peers, and everyone wants to know what kind of societal influence leads to such catastrophe. Why do we fail to ask the same questions when the incident hasn't occurred in a classroom setting?

Army Psychiatrist Nidal Malik Hasan is accused of killing thirteen individuals at Fort Hood last November. Victims included Staff Sergeants, Captains and a Lieutenant Colonel. News outlets have spent little time discussing Hasan's motives, and have turned this disaster into an opportunity to create and advance our country's most worthless public policy debate—"is it crime or is it terrorism?" Meanwhile, Hasan will forever be known as a radical student of Islam who was focused on destroying life. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Hasan was not a model soldier, and many of his colleagues agree his work was substandard. Is this reason enough to ignore the ideas, feelings and theories that led to

this disaster?

Hasan spoke with fervor and frequency about problems facing Muslims in the military. He spoke publicly about his impending deployment to Afghanistan and his fear that he would kill fellow Muslims. This was a man deeply troubled, but this was also a man who had serious misgivings about his role in the armed services. He felt he was being ostracized for religious reasons.

On February 18, Joseph Stack set fire to his home before flying a small airplane into the Echelon office building in Fort Worth, Texas. Stack had numerous run-ins with collection agents during the years prior to the incident. The businessman owned and operated several small engineering companies. He was affected by both the dot-com bust and the most recent economic downturn. He was divorced in 1998.

Stack released a suicide letter to local media shortly before the incident. This manifesto described a man without a country. He mixed vitriol towards IRS officials with an impassioned plea for health care reform and assistance for the middle class. His words were pointed and critical, and his ideas were a mix of plainly worded populism and extreme anti-government

sentiment.

These were radical attacks, but there is substance here ignored by the mainstream media. Most Americans agree health care reform is necessary, and the current system is failing to meet the needs of the people. There is also growing distrust of the government, in part because of the bailouts of our biggest financial institutions and a perceived lack of concern for the needs of the middle class.

Hasan and Stack felt they had exhausted their options. Hasan complained to his superior officers multiple times, accusing fellow officers of crimes against Muslim civilians based upon their testimony during confidential psychiatric screenings. Stack had been in and out of tax trouble for years, and he blamed his financial stability for the loss of his marriage and the failure of his business ventures.

When will our mainstream media stop perpetuating the notion these individuals are one-dimensional evildoers? While flawed, those who commit these types of crimes are still people. This doesn't mean we have to sympathize with them. It means that we should examine the societal and political pressures that lead them to act, in hopes of preventing similar acts in the future.

MY VIEW

It is acceptable to mend crumbling fences abroad

A part of "War and Peace" presents an old proverb, which discusses the idea of a particular state's involvement in the affairs of others. It reads, "Yeroma, Yeroma you'd better stay home, the fences you mend should be your own."

This is a debate that still occurs today and is relevant in the area of United States foreign policy. Should we intervene in the affairs of others, or should we stick close to home? My answer is not a pretty one, and is one that isn't even to my liking. However, when it comes to the necessary responses that stem from the accepted *reasons* for state foundation, the answer is never pretty.

The three functions of any state are to provide order, defense and advancement down the road. While order and defense are certainly the primary purposes, let's face it- to increase wealth and influence and to gain the luxurious state, even at the expense of another, is part of this as well.

Do not think we respond to humanitarian efforts because it is morally sound. We respond to influence. We help only in order to help ourselves. We do not care about democracy or freedom abroad. We are concerned with what other governments will do to benefit or harm our way of life.

We do not respond to

revolutionary causes overseas because the people do not know freedom or because the state is unjust. So long as we attach strings to pull on a country, it does not really matter the motivations. The reason we pick freedom and justice is because they are pretty ideas to rally around.

When it comes down to it, our global society is still within the reaches of old and open imperialism and colonization. But the era today is defined by dishonesty, not open savagery. We have accepted these unrealistic ideas of how the world should be, yet we do not stand by these ideas. We claim beautiful reasons, but once you look past the rhetoric, the base of our actions is still the same as it always has been. We have not advanced; we just say that we have. Freedom and justice are still empty promises.

If Yeroma agrees with the accepted philosophers of old, then Yeroma should not stay home. Yeroma should start building fences on other plots of land so long as he makes sure it doesn't cause that fence of his to collapse. He should look at past mistakes of other "glorious empires" that eventually decayed; Yeroma should tread lightly, not barge his way through. He should be a little craftier and a lot less obvious.



Kathleen Wilmes
Opinion Editor

CAMPUSTALK

Do you think Japan's whaling practices should result in legal action?



"I think that they should interfere with this because its not right, we should protect our world and everything in it."

Ebony Colbert
Applied Advertising



"Yes it should result in international legal action because they are killing precious animals, for example, Free Willie."

Martell Love
Broadcasting



"I believe that Japan should value whales as a gift from nature, not something we can take advantage of."

Kalin Miles
Psychology



"I'm anti-harpooning whales. We all have the responsibility to preserve life on this planet."

Luke Herzberg
Psychology



"I think they should because the way they are doing it is very inhumane."

Emily Pfaff
Elementary Education

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Kathleen O'Donnell
1926-2010

Patricia Kathleen O'Donnell, 83, of Barnard, Mo., died on Mon., Feb. 22, 2010, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville, Mo.

Born March 17, 1926 in Clyde, Mo., she was the daughter of the late John and Lena Henkel Wilmes. She married James O'Donnell July 8, 1946 in Maryville.

A homemaker, Pat was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Laurette Gama Rho Chapter and the Maryville Bowling League.

Surviving are sons, Gene O'Donnell, Independence, Mo., Marlin O'Donnell, Barnard, Mo., David (Joanne) O'Donnell, Maryville, daughters, Delores "Dee" Wohlford, Kansas City, Mo., Cathy (Jim) New and Connie Hilsabeck, both of Barnard, brother, Ambrose "Speck" Wilmes of Ida Grove, Iowa; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, John, Marion, Ernest, Ally Wilmes and a sister, Viola Yates.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Fri., Feb. 26 at the Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thur., Feb. 25, 2010, at the Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville,

Burial will be in St. Columba Cemetery, Conception, Mo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nodaway Nursing Home, 22371 State Highway 46, Maryville, Mo. 64468 and St. Francis Hospital Foundation, 2016 South Main St., Maryville, Mo. 64468.

FEE: Students may have to pay to keep Student Readership Program alive

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his committee isn't disclosing additional information until further review.

USA Today offered the program at a dramatic discount, but a wounded economy slowly drove up costs. According to Student Regent Bradley Gardner, the perks of the Readership program outweigh the investment – from students as well as from the newspapers.

"Students who pick up a reading habit right now are probably going to stick with it and buy their papers. And it gets the students informed. It's kind of a symbiotic thing," Gardner said.

Hetzler lauds Northwest's

relationship with the USA Today, who is responsible for also delivering the Kansas City Star and the St. Joseph News-Press. A USA Today employee measures daily how many issues are removed and only charges for that amount. Additional papers are recycled at the pellet plant, easing the university's utilities bill.

"The more pellets we have, the less fuel we have to use. The less fuel we use, the less cost it is," Hetzler said. "And who pays for that? Students."

If passed, the Readership Fee and Green Fee would join six fees already paid by Northwest students. These include the Textbook Fee, Technology Fee and Classroom Renova-

tion Fee, among others.

The additional fees come after Governor Matt Blunt's persuasive recommendation to freeze tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.

"Is tuition the same thing as fees? As of last year, they weren't," Gardner said. "Fees were considered part of services."

Hetzler acknowledges that no one ever wants to pay more money, but he believes the benefits of the program speak for themselves. For example, some professors require regular reading of USA Today for their curriculum.

If the Readership Fee doesn't pass, the cost of those papers may come out of stu-

dents' pockets – at a higher cost than the proposed 50 cents per credit hour.

"We think these optional services enhance and make Northwest what it is, and it's something that's important to a student's experience at college," Hetzler said.

If the fees pass, Northwest would join the ranks of the vast majority of local colleges who already charge a premium for the newspaper service. Students at Truman State University, the University of Missouri and Missouri Western, among others, have been paying extra for newspapers for years. For Northwest, however, the decision lies with the students.

"It's important to look [the

fee's] benefits to a campus, sometimes more than the benefit to an individual. Personally, I think it would be very sad to see it go away," Hetzler said. "It's critical that we have as much around students so they can constantly have the opportunity to absorb as much as they can, and weave it into their learning."

Until the Readership Fee works its way through committee gridlock, though, students can only wait patiently to hear the final verdict.

"At the Board of Regents meeting, there was support for and against it," Gardner said. "I don't want to say either way if it's going to go through – I couldn't tell you for sure. But I sure hope it does."

CLOSINGS: Kansas City jobs in short supply

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Kansas City right now."

The severity and force of the decision at hand is one that has students and parents from the area torn, most of whom want alternative options.

"It's all a matter of dollars and cents, they can't continue to spend in the red," Crossland said.

Craddock feels that attending Northwest has put her in the best position possible to one day compete for a teaching position.

"I would really emphasize that I went to Northwest, I'm also on a committee with the council of teacher education, but mostly going to Northwest," Craddock said.

Before the talk of

such a massive movement of school closings, plenty of teaching positions have been available. Recent graduates are in risk of losing positions within the schools that are rumored to be closing, meaning the graduates will have to relocate to a completely different area or attempt to take an early retirement option, according to Crossland.

The education department now looks to prepare their students for tougher times.

"I think we just need to make them realize that they can't be as narrow in their thinking as they have been before," Crossland said. "You're going to have to expand your thinking both in the grade levels that you seek and the area that you look."

OPPORTUNITIES: CIE wins Innovator award

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CIE's continuous success to the whole creative culture at Northwest," White said. "Northwest also has a really successful partnership with the people of the Nodaway County of Economic Development. I think the persistence of the NICE people is another factor that greatly contributes to our success."

Charles McAdams, dean of

the college of arts and sciences and co-director of the CIE, agrees with White on the success of the CIE.

"I also think that the opportunities that the tenants have to interact with students and faculty makes us very successful," McAdams said. "With the CIE, students get the opportunity to work with businesses on real-life problems that they can apply in real-life situations."

McAdams says that the 2010 Innovator Award demonstrates the success of the CIE so far, along with the potential for the CIE and Northwest to have economic impact vitality of the region.

"It also provides specialized real-world experience for students," McAdams said. "With the CIE, our students get the opportunity that other students don't get."

FORUMS: Candidates leave mark during visits

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here on campus for anyone interested. Dunham held his last Friday, another candidate, Jonathan Lincoln was here Tuesday and the last person will be Paul Theobald, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday March 4.

During these forums the candidates will talk about their past experiences, what plans they might have for the

University and answer any questions people might have.

All three candidates are looking for somewhere they can fit in and bring something that will help out the University. Lincoln specifically said he was trying to find a match with his previous background and what he is used to.

"The history here and the type of students is not that much different from Bloomsburg," Lincoln said.

Lincoln, Dean of Undergraduate Education at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, said that one thing he would try to do as provost here is have better communication between the faculty across the campus.

"It all comes down to communications on campus," Lincoln said. "I like to get out and talk to people in their work place in order to see where things are going."

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WHAT THE FOLK

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

If Paul Simon were dead, he'd be rolling in his grave. "Folk" is far from a four-letter word in today's indie music scene, yet it's a deliberate departure from the hokey 1960s Simon and Garfunkel image. Clearly, this ain't your mother's folk. This is today's folk. This is O, Giant Man.

O, Giant Man is a four-piece band featuring two Northwest juniors, frontman Chris Robbins and bassist Jake Schulemberg. Also on the lineup are drummer Andy Wendling and Rick Schulemberg on keyboard and miscellaneous percussion.

Hailing from North Kansas City, Robbins and Wendling's four year playing history is a tribute to their general compatibility. Here's a band who admits to just having good, old-fashioned fun.

"That's how some of our stuff comes across - not goofy, but kind of playful," Wendling, University of Missouri Kansas City Junior said. "We don't take ourselves too seriously."

That playfulness is a reference to their song style, but certainly not their work ethic. O, Giant Man's musical presence has been earned by elbow grease and tightly-pressed pennies more than anything. There's a general complicity shining through in Robbins' work and efforts, though. From planning studio time, to setting up tours, to writing and co-writing songs, Robbins wears many hats, and he wears them proudly.

Pinning O, Giant Man to a genre would be like throwing out an anchor, and it's something no growing band wants to limit themselves to. The closest you could come would be indie folk with a beat-driven retro vibe, followed by a barrage of comparable band

names, each surpassing the previous in obscurity. O, Giant Man is still teething out sounds and moods that don't work for them, and their seemingly nomadic genre label lends them a tasty versatility.

Versatility is also the name of Robbins' lyric-composing game.

"For like the first 20 times playing a song live, I don't have lyrics for them. There's a lot of times when I've made them up every single show," Robbins admits. "It might not make any sense if I wrote it down - heck, it might not even make complete sentences, but it really works with the rest of the music."

While this does oppose Robbins' previously mentioned attention to detail, know that this inconsistency is on its way out. Lyrics and vocals are up next on O, Giant Man's list of things to do.

"Something I really need to improve on is making the vocals another instrument as opposed to something that's just accompanying the rest of the band," Robbins said.

Vocals are far from a shortcoming for the band. With three vocalists contributing a harmonious "doo-wop" sound, O, Giant Man's voice is well heard. Rick Schulemberg and his brother Jake have had formal vocal training at UMKC and Northwest, respectively. Jake also participated in Show and Tower Choir at Northwest. The brothers' harmonization history adds yet another unique aspect to the band's recipe.

Robbins and Wendling gripe about the recording process like it's pulling teeth. Subjecting O, Giant Man's recorded sound to the tyrannical will of a producer robs the band of their idiosyncracies. To Robbins and Wendling, it simply hurts.

"With our band, catching the little twings and twangs of my

voice is what's going to make us different from every other band out there," Robbins said. "We do the things we do for a reason."

Still, O, Giant Man's options for recording are null. It's publish or perish. But finding the right producer can make all the difference. Wendling adds that it's also important to find someone you can tolerate for 12 hours straight.

"An album is a family and each of the 10 songs is like a member of that family," Robbins explains. "If you write good songs, every track is going to be different but still part of the same thing."

Come summer, O, Giant Man will be taking their act around the Midwest. This includes Omaha, Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Louis and possibly Denver. But before they do, they'll grace our very own Java Joint March 12 with a Kansas City folk band, Rusty and the Enormous Radio.

O, Giant Man's first release debuts May 1. If that still sounds like a long way off, keep in mind these guys are full-time students. Both Robbins and Wendling are education majors with big plans to move to Portland to start teaching.

This is a time investment. And these guys wouldn't be doing it if that investment wasn't returning - a return measured in satisfaction and pure bliss.

"This is like a first for all of us. That's why we like it," Robbins said. "We started it together, and we intend on finishing it together."



BASSIST JAKE SCHULEMBERG demonstrates the DIY aspect of the music scene by personally mixing tracks. O, Giant Man is looking for a producer for their next release.



The lineup of O, Giant Man, from left: Jake Schulemberg, Chris Robbins, Rick Schulemberg and Andy Wendling.

photo courtesy o, giant man

BOYS' BASKETBALL

'Hounds fall before District play

By Austin Wear
Missourian Reporter

In a close game, the team that wins usually does the small things right.

For the Cameron Dragons, they got to the free throw line and made their free throws. The Spoofhounds' problem was they just couldn't get to the line.

On senior night, the 'Hounds fell to the Cameron Dragons 45-40 in a hotly contested game.

Cameron went 17-for-20 from the charity stripe while Maryville only shot eight free throws, making four.

"It was a physical game and we got to do a better job of keeping them off the line," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "But that was the difference in the game."

The first quarter was dominated by the Spoofhounds. Senior forward Adam Thomson scored nine of his 14 points in the first

quarter to lead the 'Hounds to a 14-5 lead.

In the second quarter, fueled by their defense, the Dragons made a comeback. Cameron began the quarter on a 13-2 run to get back into the game. Heading into halftime, the Dragons held a 23-21 lead.

"All I can say is they really picked up their defense and we didn't adjust as well," Kuwitzky said. "But I thought we came back in the third quarter and adjusted a lot better."

The second half became a slugfest.

Teams traded baskets in the third quarter and the 'Hounds went into the fourth quarter with a 32-30 lead.

In an intense fourth quarter, Cameron and Maryville battled it out to the end.

Cameron had a two-point lead with just over two minutes left when the referees made a contro-

versial call.

In an attempt to get a rebound, Spoofhound senior forward Keenan Joiner fell to the ground. A Cameron player tripped over Joiner and the refs called a foul. The foul was on Joiner, giving possession back to the Dragons.

"[The ref] said that Keenan pushed him before he fell," Kuwitzky said.

The Dragons sealed the game down the stretch by hitting their free throws, finally putting away the 'Hounds.

Joiner was held to eight points while senior sharpshooter Josh Elliott scored nine.

With this game being the final game of the regular season, the 'Hounds are preparing for the post-season.

The second-seeded Spoofhounds begin district play next Tuesday against Lathrop. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Plattsburg High School.

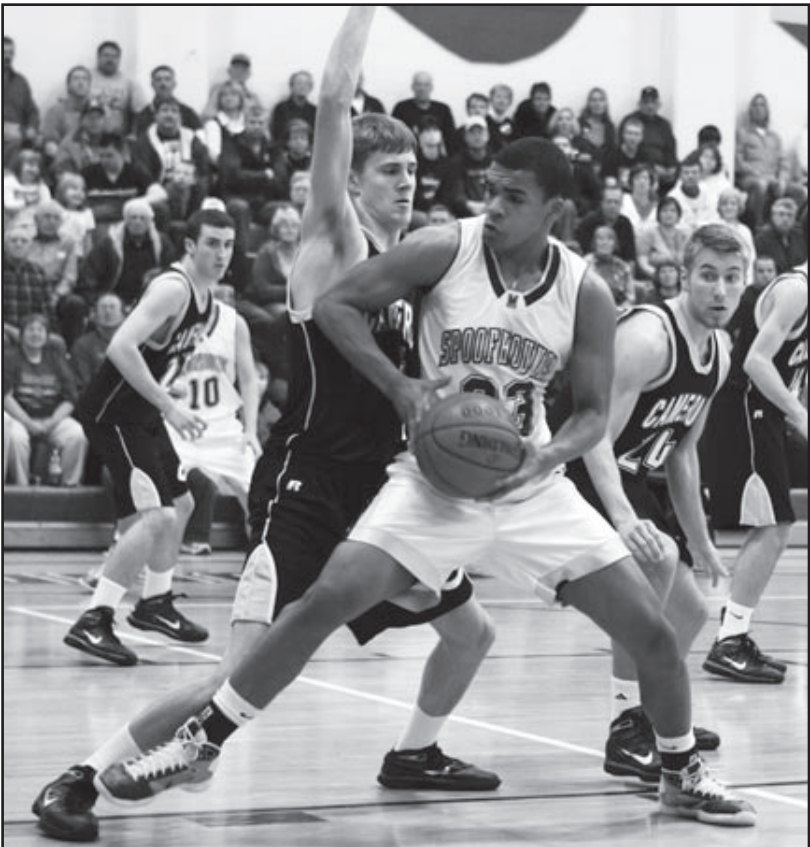


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SENIOR FORWARD KEENAN Joiner posts up against a Cameron defender. Joiner scored 8 of the Spoofhounds' 40 total points.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

JUNIOR TAYLOR GADBOIS goes up for a layup against Savannah. The Hounds fell to the Savages 54-44 for their third loss of the season.



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Spoofhounds suffer Senior Night loss; win streak snapped

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

Head coach Grant Hagemen and the 'Hounds bounced back from last Thursday's Senior Night loss to Savannah to stomp the Cameron Dragons 56-26 on the road Tuesday night.

"Going in there," Hagemen said. "We wanted to rebound from our loss to Savannah and play with more intensity, a little more desire, more passion on the defensive end, a little more pride on the defensive end and we definitely did that. We held them

to 13 in the first half and 13 in the second half as well."

While the win against Cameron helped boost their conference record to 5-1, and overall record to 17-3, their lone loss in conference snapped their 16-game winning streak.

"We had a 16-game winning streak and I think we got too comfortable with how we were playing," Hagemen said. "We had played some opponents where we could get away with not boxing out or not playing real sharp on the defensive end or offensive end. I think that all caught up with us."

The Savages walked out of the Maryville Gym with a 54-44 victory.

"We didn't shoot it well," Hagemen said. "You have to give credit to the Savannah defense. I think we were just a little bit flat defensively and offensively and the focus just wasn't there. We missed some shots we normally make and Savannah had a little part with that. I think it was almost a good thing for us in a way because I think we came out last night against Cameron and we played with a lot of energy and a lot of intensity that has been

missing for probably the last two weeks."

Senior Meridee Scott lead all scorers with 17 points including two 3-point shots. Junior Taylor Gadbois added 10 points during the contest.

With one regular season conference game left until districts, the 'Hounds find themselves in a tie for the MEC lead

A win against Bishop LeBlond tonight will give the 'Hounds a share of the MEC title.

The 'Hounds tip off against the Golden Eagles at 5:30 p.m. tonight in St. Joseph.

NORTHWEST ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ben McKim



Senior thrower Ben McKim moved into second place all-time in the Northwest record books by throwing 59-feet, 1.5 inches in the shot put at the Central Missouri Classic. It's the third throw of over 59 feet in Bearcat history. He currently sits third in the country.

Shelly Martin



Sophomore point guard Shelly Martin scored 12 points in each of the Bearcats last two games. She shot 50% and hit eight threes between the two games, both losses. The first was an 87-66 drubbing against Central Missouri. The second, an 89-76 loss to Southwest Baptist.

Bryce Alexander



Senior Bryce Alexander captured his second straight Class 1 wrestling title Saturday evening. He earned a 5-4 decision in the 160 lbs. Championship match to finish his season 42-1. He and his teammates went on to place seventh overall as a team at the state competition.

Taylor Gadbois



Junior forward Taylor Gadbois scored 10 points in the 54-44 loss to Savannah last week that snapped the Spoofhounds' 16-game winning streak. She followed it up by shutting down Cameron's leading scorer in the 'Hounds' 56-26 win on Tuesday night.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

JUNIOR POST GENTRY Dietz goes up for a layup in the ‘87-66’ loss against Central Missouri. Dietz scored 22 points in the game.



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‘Cats look to finish strong

By Isaac Freeman
Missourian Reporter

In a tale of two halves against Central Missouri, the Northwest Women couldn’t hang on and lost 87-66 to the Jennies. At the end of the first half, the ‘Cats were down by three points. Junior post Gentry Dietz led the way with 13 points and seven rebounds. The Jennies were just too much in the second half, opening the half on a 10-3 run and ending the game on an 11-1 run. Besides Central owning the paint, outscoring the Northwest 38-16 and out rebounding them 45-38, there are some internal issues the ‘Cats need to take

care of, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. “The main thing is playing both ends well together,” Steinmeyer said. “Sometimes things happen on one end of the court and it carries down to the other end. If we can get on the same page on both ends, we will be OK.” In light of the loss, Dietz had 22 points and 14 rebounds before fouling out with two minutes left in the game. Sophomore guard Shelly Martin added 12 points; all came from behind the three-point line. “This season has been full of peaks and valleys. Hopefully we can get a win this Saturday against Southern and get out of this valley before we go to

Kansas City for the (MIAA) tournament,” Steinmeyer said. The Bearcats looked to rebound from the tough road loss on Tuesday when they traveled to Bolivar, Mo., to take on Southwest Baptist. The skid continued as the ‘Cats fell 89-76. Martin and freshman forward Candace Boeh led the team in scoring, with 12 points a piece. Dietz only played eight minutes while nursing an injured foot and didn’t take a shot in her time on the floor. They plan to take the next couple of days off before they take on Missouri Southern at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

SPRING: ‘Cats’ pitching leads to teams’ first victory

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homerun of the season in the game as well. The ‘Cats followed the win up with a game that showed the young team’s potential. Northwest carried a 4-2 lead into the fourth inning against West Texas A&M, the No. 22 team in the country. After giving up eight runs in the fifth inning the ‘Cats were unable to bounce back. The ‘Cats finished the tournament with their biggest win of the season, a 7-0 victory against Oklahoma Panhandle State. Freshman pitcher Jenna Creger shined in the ‘Cats’ shut out. Creger threw a no hitter in the seven run victory. The last time a Northwest pitcher threw a no hitter was when Cola Krueger accomplished the feat in 2006. “In the first day she gave up one hit and one run, but had four errors,” head softball coach Ryan Anderson said. “With all of our pitchers, just being on dirt makes them more comfortable. We are here throwing on perfectly flat surface with no holes or dirt. We’ve got to get use to throwing on that again.” Next the baseball team will take on Arkansas Tech Saturday and Sunday in Russellville, Ark. The softball team will play in the MSSU/PSU Crossover Invite over the weekend. “These games are huge, especially with us being so young,” Anderson said. “We’ve got to get all the kinks out, get some experience and get some confidence going into conference because with conference it doesn’t matter who you are playing because you can get beat. We’ve got to be ready for that.”

TRACK AND FIELD

Bearcats utilize final tournament in preparation for MIAA Championships

By Jon Brown
Missourian reporter

Senior Ben McKim set a new career high, at the Central Missouri Classic last weekend. McKim won the shot put with a throw of 59-feet, 1.5-inches in the event. “That’s great to hit that kind of throw, it’s better than his outdoor best ever and he was second last year at the national outdoor meet,” head coach Scott Lorek said. “It’s really exciting to see Ben

come around in both of his events. Yeah, it was a big throw, but the thing with Ben is he’s got bigger throws in him.” Junior Eric Rickert also turned in a career best, finishing fourth with a throw of 54-feet-0.5-inches in the shot put. Sophomore Tyler Shaw had a time of 8.07 seconds and finished second in the men’s 60-meter hurdles. Right behind Shaw was freshman Travis Manning finishing third with a career best time of 8.32

seconds. Senior Johanna Avilez had a career best time of 9.10 seconds to finish third in the women’s 60-meter hurdles Junior Jennifer Dittburner had a career best time of 10:54.47 to finish second in the 3000-meter run. “The meet went pretty well, it’s just a tune up before the conference meet. Ben McKim’s shot was really great, our hurdlers across the board ran very well Travis Manning, Tyler

Shaw, Johanna Avilez, Megan Davis and Emily Churchman,” Lorek said. “Eric Rickert is another one, he had a nice 2 foot PR in the shot. He is fifth in the conference right now so he is coming around as well.” The ‘Cats travel to Missouri Southern this weekend for the MIAA championships. “I don’t make projections, our conference is just tough up and down,” Lorek said. “Most of the teams in the league are nation-

ally ranked. We just try to focus on going in there and doing the best that we can, and supporting each other, and competing well. If we take care of business points are going to fall where they should, so we just need to make sure we get in there with out heads screwed on straight and just compete very, very hard. It’s a conference meet and an opportunity to get a few more people at national qualifying marks. This is the last chance to do this type of thing.”

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FLYING SOUTH

Baseball, softball head for warmer climates to kick-off season

By Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

In Maryville it appears the snow will never melt and when the sun graces us with its presence, it never lasts too long. Last week the baseball and softball teams left Bearcat country for warmer climates.

The baseball team left last Sunday for Montevallo, Ala., to start the 2010 season. The 'Cats dropped a double-header to Montevallo before hitting the road again for Pensacola, Fla.

The Florida sunshine proved no better as Northwest lost three games in three straight days to West Florida.

"The biggest thing we talked about is how this team doesn't know how to win, and win together," head baseball coach Darin Loe said. "In the last game you saw the tension fall off our players. They settled in and started to play better."

Then the 'Cats made a trip to Arkadelphia, Ark., on Saturday for a double header against Missouri S&T. After a one run loss in extra innings the 'Cats picked up their first win of the season during the second game. Northwest won the game 5-0.

A three-run seventh inning helped pace the 'Cats to their first victory.

Junior Trevor Connor went

1-for-4 with a run and two RBIs. Sophomore Landin Echardt and senior Luke Lavicky each went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Junior Jeremy Tate (1-1) picked up the win for the 'Cats, earning his first at Northwest. Tate pitched all seven innings, giving up two hits and recording six strikeouts.

"He threw a lot of fastballs," Lowe said. "That was something that after his first start he was telling me he wanted to do. So we threw more fastballs for him and he just went out and competed. That's the biggest thing from the first five games. We didn't compete at the plate. We didn't compete on

the mound."

The softball team started their year off in Edmond, Okla., where they dropped two games of a double-header to Central Oklahoma.

After that the lady 'Cats headed to Wichita Falls, Texas for the Midwestern State Tournament.

The 'Cats left Texas with two wins and three losses.

The first win of the season came on Saturday against Texas Woman's. The star of the 'Cat's 10-7 victory was junior Dacey Hassey, who went 4-for-4 on the day. Hassey added her second

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WRESTLING

Senior brings home second title in 2 years

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

After the final seconds had elapsed from Saturday's Class 1 160 lbs. championship match, Maryville senior Bryce Alexander raised two fingers on both hands in triumph. Title defense accomplished.

Alexander captured his second state title in two years. The second of his two titles came after a close decision over Levi Mechener of Gallatin High School.

Before Alexander could stand atop the podium again, he first had to face a tough test in the semifinals round against Carrollton's Cody Renzelmen.

Alexander took it from there, coming back from three points down with less than a minute remaining to propel him to the finals against a familiar opponent.

During his finals match, Alexander fell behind Mechener 2-1 but did not panic because he knew the Gallatin wrestler's tendencies.

"I knew that he liked to ride high and he would droop his hips kind of," Alexander said. "So, when he did that I shuffled out and threw him to his back and landed a four-point move. That's basically what turned the whole match around because I ended up winning 5-4."

"No one really expected me to win because I had some pretty tough guys," Alexander said. "I just buckled down and stuck to coach's plans."

The Spoofhounds had three wrestlers presented with medals on the podium Saturday with a fourth wrestler one match away from placing in the top six.

Freshman Jordan Zech, 152 lbs., compiled a 2-2 record in his first state appearance, while seniors Tyler Hayse, 215 lbs., and Dannen Merrill, 125 lbs., brought home fourth place medals in their respective weight classes.

"We're grateful that our team had a seventh place finish, we had a state champion and two fourth place finishes," Drake said. "Probably the down side was that Dannen Merrill was unable to repeat as a state champion."

Merrill entered the state tournament 41-0 but was unable to advance past the semifinals Friday evening, suffering a 7-5 OT decision to Jared Fricke of Centralia High School. Merrill was able to wrestle his way back into position for third and fourth place, but fell 7-1 at the hands of Chris Wilkes from Whitefield High School.

"When you get down to state and you get down to the last two days the rest of the guys are going to be tough," Merrill said. "I was expecting tough competition and knew they would have to be good matches and when it came to that Friday night match, I just wasn't there. I just didn't wrestle a full match to move on to the finals."

With the departure of this talented senior class, Drake and his only returning state qualifier, Zech, look forward to the challenging future. Drake said the talented freshman class will be an exciting class to watch over the next few years.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



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FRESHMAN GUARD Deshaun Cooper drives toward the basket in the 65-61 loss to Central Missouri last Saturday. Cooper scored four points and recorded three assists during the game.

'Cats must win with tourney chances on line

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Win and they're in may seem like a cliché, but it's becoming a reality for the Northwest men's basketball team.

"Basically if we win, we're in," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We've got to have a good couple days of practice to prepare for their (Missouri Southern) press and their trapping and just be ready to go."

The Bearcats have lost its last two games, both of which

would have clinched an MIAA tournament bid.

Northwest fell 65-61 to No. 3 Central Missouri on Saturday. Mules guard Alex Moosmann hit a fall-away jumper with nine seconds left to defeat the Bearcats.

"My guys competed and I'm very proud of them," McCollum said. "They felt like they deserved to win it. The cards didn't fall our way down the stretch. We couldn't hit enough shots and didn't make enough plays to win it."

The 'Cats trailed big in the

first half, going into halftime down 41-28.

Things looked dim for Northwest until they mounted a comeback with 16 minutes remaining in the game. Junior forward Elijah Allen scored 11 of his game-high 20 points in the next six minutes to bring the 'Cats within two points.

On Tuesday night, the purple Bearcats of Southwest Baptist defeated Northwest 85-66, setting up the must win game for the 'Cats.

"It's the same thing that always goes wrong on the

road," McCollum said. "We generally don't run our stuff very sharp. One person will get selfish then it kind of fuels everyone else to do the same thing. We're still a young team trying to figure it out. Hopefully we'll win on Saturday and have another chance to play on the road."

Junior Forward Maciej Ustarbowski and senior point guard Girod Adams led the way with 16 points each.

The Bearcats take on Missouri Southern at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.